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SUBJ: VOLSPKR DR. DIXY LEE RAY

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BONN PASS TO USIS; MUNICH PASS TO DAVID ARNETT, USIS

1. PER DIEM AND TRAVEL COSTS FOR DR. RAY'S ASSISTANT WILL BE BORNE BY DEPARTMENT'S OES BUREAU. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT USIS BONN WILL PAY DR. RAY'S PER DIEM AND LONDON TO MUNICH TRANSPORTATION COST.

2. DR. RAY APPROVES PLAN FOR 15 TO 20 MINUTE TALK ON "THE ROLE OF FUSION IN AMERICAN ENERGY POLICY" FOLLOWED BY COLLOQUY-TYPE DISCUSSION AT MAX-PLANCK INSTITUTE AT GARCHING.

3. PHOTO OF DR. RAY ON ITS WAY TO MR. DAVID ARNETT, USIS, MUNICH, BY DIPLOMATIC AIR POUCH. FOLLOWING, PER YOUR REQUEST, IS BIO OF DR. RAY:

"DR. DIXY LEE RAY WAS SWORN IN AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS ON JANUARY 29, 1975.

"PRIOR TO HER APPOINTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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DR. RAY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC

ENERGY COMMISSION FROM FEBRUARY 6, 1973 UNTIL JANUARY 18, 1975. DR. RAY WAS THE FIRST WOMAN CHAIRMAN OF THE AEC

AS WELL AS THE FIRST WOMAN NAMED TO A FULL FIVE-YEAR TERM ON THE COMMISSION.

"AT THE TIME OF HER APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION, DR. RAY WAS DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER IN SEATTLE AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ZOOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. A MARINE BIOLOGIST SPECIALIZING IN MARINE INVERTEBRATES, SHE HAS LIVED MOST OF HER LIFE IN THE NORTHWEST. SHE WAS BORN IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1914.

"DR. RAY RECEIVED TWO DEGREES IN ZOOLOGY--A B.A. IN 1937 AND A MASTERS IN 1938--FROM MILLS COLLEGE IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. IN 1945 SHE WAS AWARDED A PH.D. IN BIOLOGY FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY, AND THE SAME YEAR JOINED THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. SHE SPENT 27 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, TEACHING MARINE INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY, CONDUCTING RESEARCH, AND SUPERVISING GRADUATE STUDENTS.

"FROM 1938 TO 1942 SHE WAS A TEACHER IN OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA. SHE DID GRADUATE WORK AT STANFORD AS A JOHN SWITZER FELLOW IN 1942 AND 1943 AND AS A VAN SICKLEN FELLOW FROM 1943 TO 1945.

"SHE HAS CONTINUOUSLY HELD OTHER SCIENCE RESPONSIBILITIES ALONG WITH HER UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION. FROM 1945 TO 1960 SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FRIDAY HARBOR LABORATORIES. FROM 1960 TO 1962 SHE SERVED AS SPECIAL CONSULTANT IN BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. IN 1963 SHE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER IN SEATTLE. DEDICATED TO IMPROVED PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE, THE PSC ACTIVELY DEVELOPS EXHIBITS, DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS IN MANY FIELDS OF SCIENCE.

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"IN 1964 DR. RAY WAS CHIEF SCIENTIST AND VISITING PROFESSOR ON THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SHIP TE VEGA IN THE INTERNATIONAL INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITION. IN 1969 SHE SERVED ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON OCEANOGRAPHY.

"DR. RAY IS THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS SCIENTIFIC PAPERS ON MARINE BIOLOGY INCLUDING THE BOOK 'MARINE BORING AND FOULING ORGANISMS' PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

IN 1959.

"AT THE TIME OF HER NOMINATION SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION; THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF SCIENCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE; BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VIRGINIA MASON RESEARCH CENTER AT SEATTLE; AND THE NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE.

"OTHER MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDED THE WASHINGTON STATE OCEANOGRAPHY COMMISSION, THE PACIFIC REGION OF THE MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMS, AND THE SMITHSONIAN RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE. SHE ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDING CONSULTANTS FOR THE WORLD REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

"DR. RAY WAS AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES FROM MILLS COLLEGE IN 1967; ST. MARTINS COLLEGE, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, IN 1972; HOOD COLLEGE, FREDERICK, MARYLAND, 1973; SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, 1972; RIPON COLLEGE, RIPON, WISCONSIN, 1974; SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, NOTRE DAME, INDIANA, 1974; UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, 1974; MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, 1974; UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, 1974; AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, 1974. SHE RECEIVED THE SEATTLE MARITIME AWARD IN 1966; THE WILLIAM CLAPP AWARD IN MARINE BIOLOGY IN 1959; THE FLORENCE K. HUTCHINSON MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN CONSERVATION IN 1973; SEATTLE'S FIRST CITIZEN AWARD FOR 1973; THE FRANCIS BOYER SCIENCE AWARD FROM WIDENER COLLEGE IN 1974; THE PHILADELPHIA YWCA 1974 GOLD MEDAL AWARD; THE LADIES UNCLASSIFIED

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HOME JOURNAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 1973; AND THE ACHIEVEMENT REWARD FOR COLLEGE SCIENTISTS (ARCS) FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF SCIENCE AWARD 1974; FELLOWSHIP AWARD, ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY CENTERS, 1974.

"DR. RAY WAS A GUGGENHEIM FELLOW FROM 1952 TO 1953 AND A FOREIGN MEMBER OF THE DANISH ROYAL SOCIETY FOR NATURAL HISTORY IN 1963. OTHER HONORS INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN SIGMA XI AND PHI BETA KAPPA." KISSINGER

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